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It's hard to believe that it has been six months since my weekly Coin World ads ended last January. I did spend much of February and March in Texas to settle an estate, but over the last few months I have been surprisingly busy here in Williamsville. There have been more than a few out-of-state "drive-ups" filling our elevators again and a fair number of significant **certified collections** arriving by registered mail. I really never expected such continuing business after pulling all my ads, but am grateful for your confidence.

I made a business decision a few months back to assist collectors asking me to liquidate their **larger collections** by handling the entire project for them on a flat 10% commission basis - lock, stock and barrel. I buy everything, take care of all the important details, and my customers net 90% of what it all sells for. If your collection is worth six or seven figures, you might want to discuss turning your selling project over to me - a near 40-year veteran professional buyer.

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This year's ANA is somewhat different than in the past, with a closer ANA-PNG relationship extending over an officially sanctioned "pre-show" in the same facility. A great table location came up at the last minute so I decided to join in on this new type show. If **you** have a project you would like to discuss with me personally, I will be at my booth from Monday to Friday, 15-19 August 2011, and for part of Saturday. If you will not be at the ANA, you can call me at my office and still send registered packages there also.

P.S. Many have called to ask my opinion about gold & silver. In a nut shell, nothing has changed. Continued accumulation on a regular basis should be very rewarding. Importantly, do not use leverage and take delivery! I am as bullish now as when I used to run my popular Trade For Gold (and Silver) ads. You should be too!

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I hope everyone who attended Summer FUN had a good time. As far as I could tell everything went well thanks to the hard work of convention coordinator Cindy Wibker and all of the board members and volunteers of FUN. I'll let Cindy give you all the facts and figures in her message.

Cindy Wibker works full time all year long to ensure that both the FUN shows run properly. Nancy Casey ran dealer registration with no lines. Jim Best helped Nancy. Carrie Best was in charge of photo ID. Ed Abbott worked showcases and pages, and did a great job. Bob Hurst was Sergeant at Arms getting all the dealers in set-up day. He also was in charge of Fed-Ex. Donna Moon lined up workers for the message center and staffed the membership counter. Tom Palmer ran public registration with many volunteers from the Central Florida Coin Club. Tony Bonaro was in charge of the YN Program and Scout Clinic on Saturday. Randy Campbell arranged for five numismatic programs. Fred Lake took pictures of everyone doing their jobs along with greeting the four club buses on Friday & Saturday. Bob Russell staffed the exhibit area. And finally, Jeanne Shepard managed the show office. This show was my first official show as FUN President. I hope that I did not fail to mention anyone.

I would like to thank CONECA,NCADD,Coppercoins.com, Traildies.com, and MADdieclashes.com for donating 222 variety and error coins to the Boy Scouts & YN Program at Summer FUN. These coins retail over $1200.00. Thanks again.

Heritage Auction exceeded $11 million, up 36% from last year. I had a table and sales were just as good as last year for me. I did particularly well with paper money, silver dollars and type coins.

Summer is now here with temperatures soaring to 96 degrees in West Palm Beach. I hate to think of what the temperatures will be in August and September. We will be attending the ANA in Chicago and the Whitman show in Philadelphia to sell tables for the January FUN Show.

Have a great summer and fall, and we will see you in January at the FUN Show.

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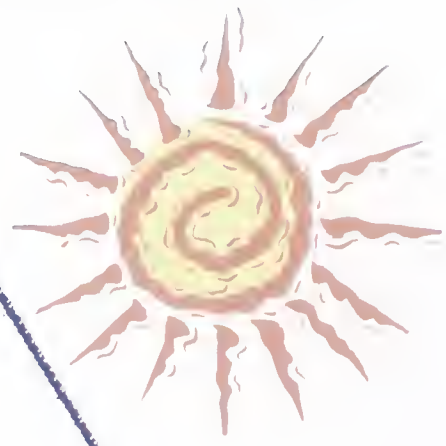

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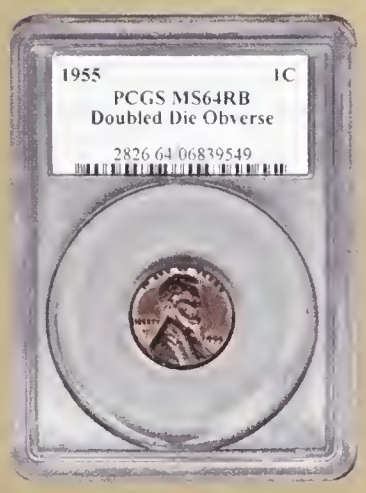

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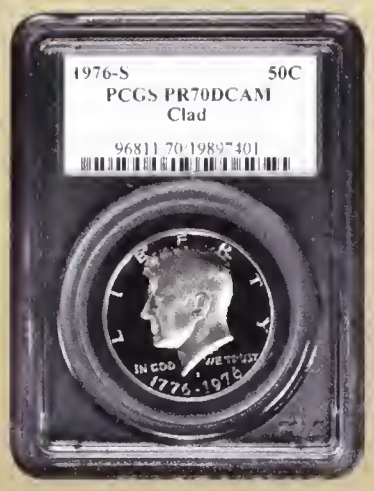

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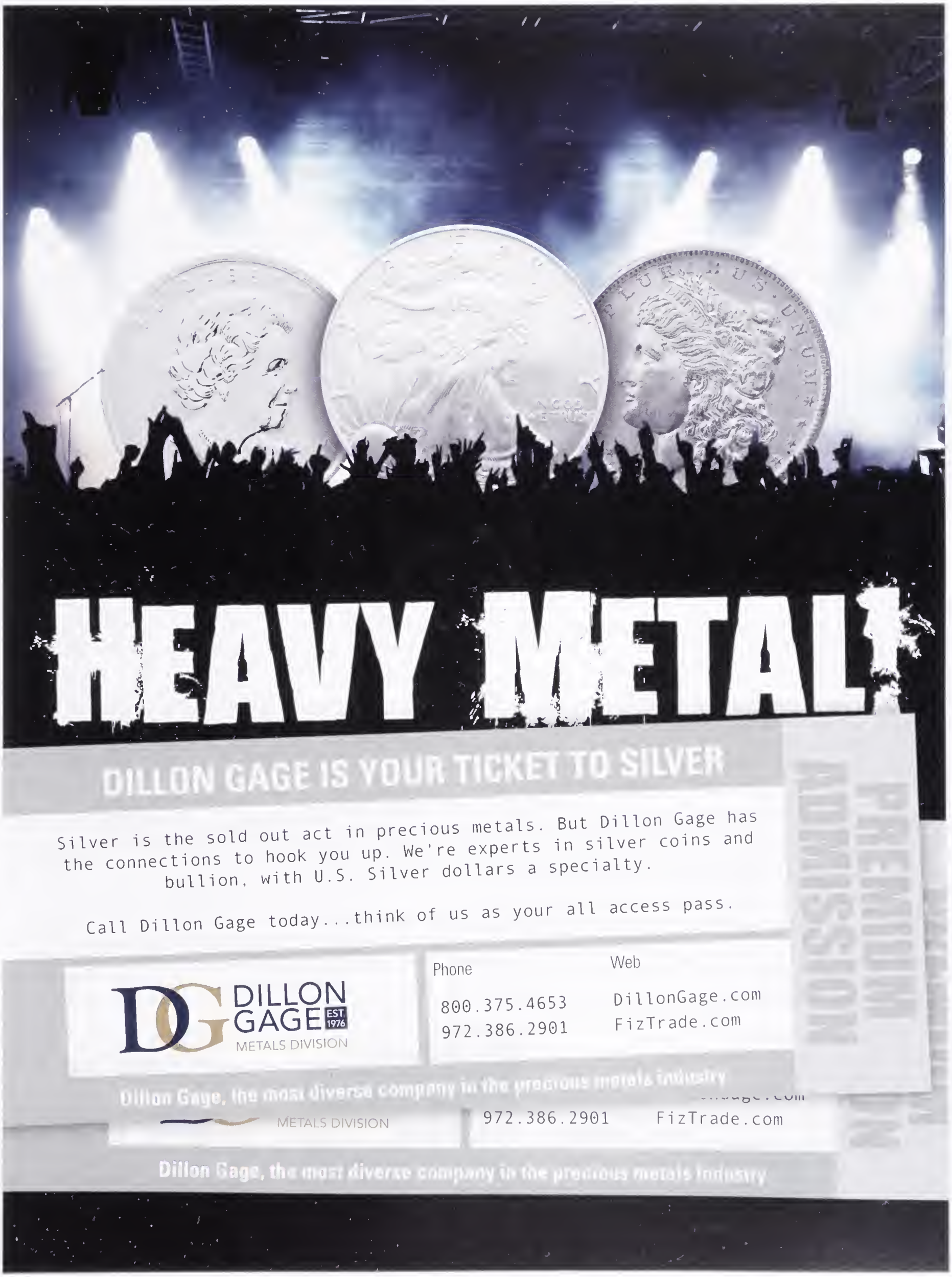
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Summer FUN 2011 is now history, and it was wonderful to hear all the positive remarks at the end of the show! Most dealers said they had an excellent show, and one said he had the best show he's had in two years. I know FUN will continue to do its part in organizing and heavily advertising our conventions to bring dealers, collectors, educational activities, grading services, clubs and auctioneers together.

FUN President Tony Swicer mentioned the board members and their jobs in his article in this issue, so I won't repeat that information even though I'm very, very grateful to each person on the FUN board for doing his/her job during the conventions. I do want to personally thank Tony, who is the captain of the FUN ship all during the year. He is also the FUN club liaison, and contacts each FUN member club every month for news and events. Tony is a dedicated supporter of FUN! We have a lot of continuity with our board and volunteers, and that gives us a lot of wisdom and expertise to draw upon. In addition to the FUN board, we have many volunteers who help keep things on an even keel. This year at Summer FUN we had Gary Braisted, Steve Martin, and Erin and Kevin O'Donnell at the message center. Anchoring down dealer registration were Glenda Hocker and Glendora Mercer. Helping out at photo ID was Dreama Hurst. Working in the exhibit hall with keys and cases was Billy Walsingham. Two men, Don Mix and Frank Guzman, gave their time to help during move-in hours Wednesday afternoon. Also thanks to Gerry Russell for signing up new members and taking dues money at FUN's membership booth. The members of the Central Florida Coin Club do a wonderful job of staffing our public registration counters for three days. Each one of you is vital to the success of the FUN show and we appreciate all of you!

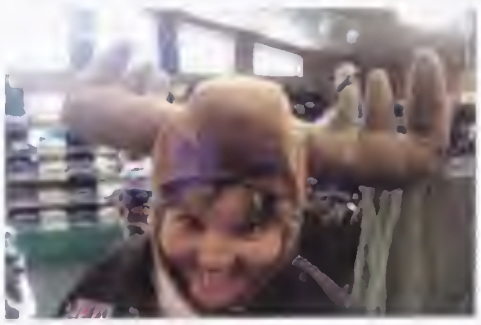
I also want to give a very special thanks to Independent Coin Graders (ICG) of Tampa, Florida, for "slabbing" the silver rounds we present to our full-time staff. ICG does this for FUN gratis, and puts a special insert into the encapsulated holder. Thank you, ICG, for your support!

Last but not least, I want to give a very special thanks to two very important groups in our "FUN family." One is Heritage Auctions, for always working with us and helping promote the FUN conventions with outstanding auction lots and offerings, as well as supporting us with advertising. The second is Positive Protection, Inc., for providing superior security in the coin business and always having FUN's best interest at heart. My job is easier when I know I'm surrounded by the best of the best, and both of these groups are the best!

After Summer FUN ended, I took a week off to visit Alaska with my family. What a great time we had together – my mom, my sister, and my two cousins. We saw a mama moose with two young calves, a pair of foxes, dall sheep, caribou, and a couple of very large grizzly bears. The night before we left town the sky was clear and we saw the peek of Denali (Mt. McKinley) mountain, which is a rare treat. Great memories with loved ones!

Vacation is over, and I'm always so happy to return to my home and my office and dig into plans for the next FUN event. That will be the 57th Annual FUN Convention held January 5-8, 2012, in Orlando. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us there! I'll be back in the winter edition of FUN Topics with more details on special events planned for your enjoyment in January. If you need hotel reservations, you can book online on our website at www.funtopics.com. Enjoy the rest of your summer and wait anxiously for those cooler autumn days. I know we could use some here in Florida!

Cindy



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THE VERDICT IS IN – SO WHAT HAPPENS TO THE "LANGBORD" 1933 $20S NOW?

On July 21, 2011, a jury decided that the ten 1933 Saint Gaudens $20 double eagle gold coins (formerly in possession of the Langbord family) are the property of the United States government.

While this is a great disappointment to the hobby, a greater potential problem looms -- what will happen to these exceptionally rare coins now? Will they be melted as others have been? Will they be kept hidden in some government vault, never to be appreciated and enjoyed? Will they have adequate safekeeping not only for the near term, but for posterity? More precisely, exactly who – bureaucratic agency and/or individual -- has the responsibility for determining the fate of these national treasures?

Upon learning of the jury's verdict, we at ICTA wrote a letter expressing our concerns to several officials in the government including Timothy Geithner (Secretary of the Treasury), Rosie Rios (Treasurer of the United States) and Richard Peterson (Acting Director of the U.S. Mint). Copies of the letter were sent to numismatically knowledgeable Members of Congress, Reps. Frank Lucas and Ron Paul.

In part, the letter states:

"The Industry Council for Tangible Assets (ICTA), Inc., is the national trade association for the rare coin, currency and precious metals industry, and we seek specific assurance that these coins are provided with the utmost security and safekeeping and that there is in place a long-term chain of command for their preservation. Even a remote possibility that these coins could be melted, as has happened in the past to similar coins, is unacceptable.

Statements such as those made by Assistant US Attorney Jacqueline Romero, "...I don't believe they'll be melted down..." and Director of the US Mint's Office of Public Affairs Tom Jurkowsky, "...A decision on where the coins will be stored or displayed has not been made..." are troublesome and too vague to guarantee that systems are in place to ensure that these coins will not be melted now or at any time in the future."

She "doesn't BELIEVE they'll be melted down???" I don't think that's quite enough assurance for our hobby, do you? And considering the many different mistakes the U.S. Mint has made over the past couple years, I can't say I'd find it comforting that the Mint is sort of in charge. If these coins were to accidentally hit the melting pot, there are no do-overs. These historic treasures would be forever lost to this and future generations.

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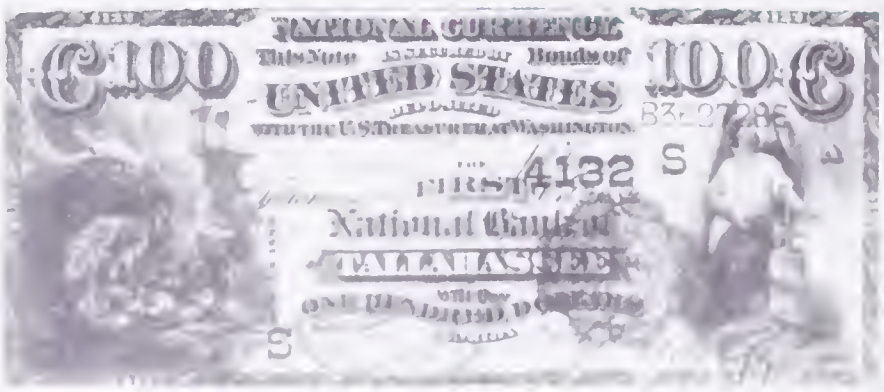

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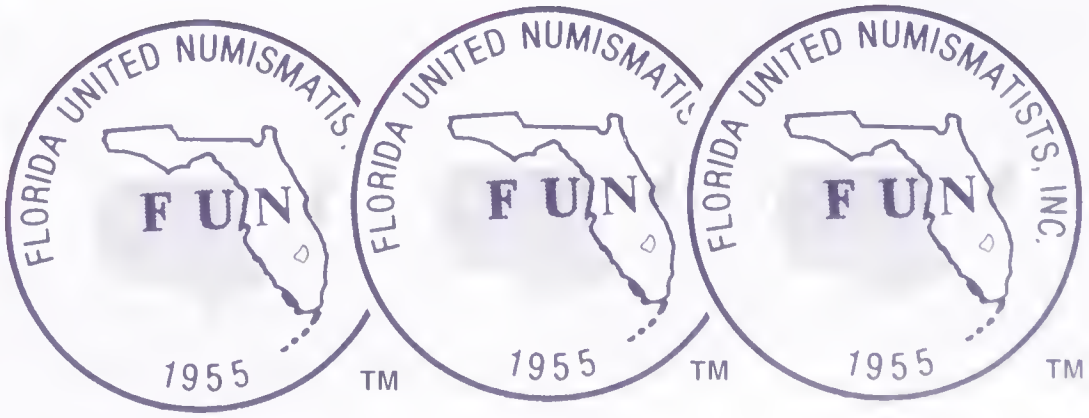

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August 21
Fort Lauderdale Coin Club Coin & Stamp Show, Volunteer Park Comty Ctr. 12050 W Sunrise Blvd. Plantation, FL ++ Contact: Joe Marshall, PO Box 22102, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33335-2102
PH: 954-802-4967.

August 27
Brandon Coin Club Coin, Currency, and Stamp Show. Brandon Elks Lodge, 800 Centennial Dr. Brandon, FL. Contact: Mark Palermo. PH: 813-361-0740.
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August 28
Palm Beach Coin Show, American Polish Club, 4725 Lake Worth Road, Greenacres, FL Contact: Tony Swicer, PO Box 5823, Lake Worth, FL 33466
PH: 561-964-8180 (M - F + 9 - 5)

September 4
Gold Coast Coin, Stamp, & Collectibles Show, David Park Recreation Center,
108 N 33rd Court, Hollywood, FL
Contact: Mark Eshleman,
PO Box 81-3732, Hollywood, FL 33081
PH: 954-242-5561
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****September 4**
Maitland Coin and Currency Show, Maitland Civic Center, 641 South Maitland Ave. Maitland, FL 32751. Contact: Jason Lowery, 6301 S. Orange Ave. Orlando, FL 32809. PH: 407-739-4817
website: www.maitlandcoinshow.com

September 9-11
Central Florida Coin Club's Fall Coin & Money Show. Central Florida Fairgrounds, Hall E- 4603 W Colonial Dr. Orlando, FL. Contact Donna Moon PO Box 568061, Orlando FL 32856 PH: 407-657-6440 .
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September 10
St. Petersburg Coin Club Show. Disabled American Veterans, 4801 37th Street North, ST. Petersburg, FL 33713. Contact: Burt Jones - 813-971-2577
email: Landjhester@yahoo.com

September 11
South Brevard & Missle Stamp Club Show, Eau Galle Civic Center, 1551 Highland Ave., Melbourne, FL. Contact: Alysha Wilson. PH: 321-751-3647.
email: wilson4808@bellsouth.net

****September 15-17**
Whitman's Coin and Collectibles Philadelphia Expo, Pennsylvania Convention Center, 1101 Arch St. . Contact: David Crenshaw PH: 404-214-4373.
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September 18
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September 25
Palm Beach Coin Show, American Polish Club, 4725 Lake Worth Road, Greenacres, FL Contact: Tony Swicer, PO Box 5823, Lake Worth, FL 33466
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October 2
Gold Coast Coin, Stamp, & Collectibles Show, David Park Recreation Center,
108 N 33rd Court, Hollywood, FL
Contact: Mark Eshleman,
PO Box 81-3732, Hollywood, FL 33081
PH: 954-242-5561
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****October 7-9**
The Collectorama Coin & Currency Show. The Lakeland Center, 701 West Lime, Lakeland, FL ++ Contact: Ed Kuszmar, PO Box 4049, Boca Raton, FL 33429
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October 8
St. Petersburg Coin Club Show. Disabled American Veterans, 4801 37th Street North, ST. Petersburg, FL 33713. Contact: Burt Jones - 813-971-2577
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October 9
South Brevard & Missle Stamp Club Show, Eau Galle Civic Center, 1551 Highland Ave., Melbourne, FL. Contact: Alysha Wilson. PH: 321-751-3647.
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October 16
Fort Lauderdale Coin Club Coin & Stamp Show, Volunteer Park Comty Ctr. 12050 W Sunrise Blvd. Plantation, FL ++ Contact: Joe Marshall, PO Box 22102, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33335-2102
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October 21-23
Mississippi Numismatic Association's 50th Annual Convention and Coin Show. DeSoto County Civic Center, 4560 Venture Drive, Southaven, MS. 39393. Contact: Blake Rouleau, PH: 601-527-9340.
email: rulobe@bellsouth.net

October 22
Brandon Coin Club Coin, Currency, and Stamp Show. Brandon Elks Lodge, 800 Centennial Dr. Brandon, FL. Contact: Mark Palermo. PH: 813-361-0740.
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October 23
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October 28-30
Sarasota & Manatee Coin Club's Show, Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail, US 41, Sarasota. Contact: Frank Cox, 755 S. Palm Ave. #203, Sarasota, FL 34236.
PH: 941-954-0202.
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October 28-30
South Carolina Numismatic Association 39th Annual Coin & Currency Convention. 1 Exposition Dr., Greenville, SC 29607. Contact: Tony Chibbaro, PH: 803-530-3668.
Email: chibbaro@mindspring.com
www.sc-na.org

November 4-6
Tennessee State Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show, Cape Jordan Arena, Chattanooga, TN Contact: Gayle Pike, PH: 901-327-1703
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South Brevard & Missle Stamp Club Show, Eau Galle Civic Center, 1551 Highland Ave., Melbourne, FL. Contact: Alysha Wilson. PH: 321-751-3647.
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November 12
St. Petersburg Coin Club Show. Disabled American Veterans, 4801 37th Street North, ST. Petersburg, FL 33713. Contact: Burt Jones - 813-971-2577
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****November 17-20**
Whitman's Baltimore Coin and Currency Convention. Baltimore Convention Center, 1 West Pratt St. Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD
PH: 404-214-4373.
www.whitmanexpo.com AD - page 31

November 19
Fort Myers Coin and Paper Money Show, Elks Lodge, 1900 Park Meadows Drive, Fort Myers, Contact: Jay FMCC, PO Box 62056, Ft. Myers, FL 33906,
PH: 239-297-8592.
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November 20
Fort Lauderdale Coin Club Coin & Stamp Show, Volunteer Park Comty Ctr. 12050 W Sunrise Blvd. Plantation, FL ++ Contact: Joe Marshall, PO Box 22102, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33335-2102
PH: 954-802-4967.

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Palm Beach Coin Show, American Polish Club, 4725 Lake Worth Road, Greenacres, FL Contact: Tony Swicer, PO Box 5823, Lake Worth, FL 33466
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Dec. 3-4
Silver Sands Coin Coin, Currency, and Stamp Show, Central Panhandle Fairground, Hwy 98 at Sherman Avenue, Panama City, Fl 32401.Contact: Doug Gibson PH: 850-215-8565
email: nvccshop@knology.net

Dec. 3
West Hernando Regional Coin & Currency Show. Brooksville Elk's Lodge #2582. 14494 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville, FL 34613. 9-3. Contact: Mark Palermo PH: 813-361-0740

December 4
Gold Coast Coin, Stamp, & Collectibles Show, David Park Recreation Center, 108 N 33rd Court, Hollywood, FL
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Orange County Convention Center, 9400 Universal Drive Hall SB, Orlando, FL. Contact: Cindy Wibker, P"O Box 471147, Lake Monroe, FL 32747-1147
PH: 407-321-8747; Fax: 407-321-5138
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January 21-22
Treasure Coast Coin Club, Inc. Coin & Currency Show -- Vero Beach Community Center, 14th Ave & 23rd St, near intersection Rtes #1 & #60, Vero Beach, FL. Contact: Ron Tagney, PO Box 6070, Vero Beach, FL. 32961. PH: 772-234-9476, email: rontagney@aol.com.

January 21
Fort Myers Coin and Paper Money Show, Elks Lodge, 1900 Park Meadows Drive, Fort Myers, Contact: FMCC, PO Box 62056, Ft. Myers, FL 33906,
PH: 239-297-8592.
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January 28
Venice Coin and Currency Club Show. Venice Gardens Civic Center, 406 Shamrock Blvd. Vencie, FL
Contact: tskidmore10@comcast.net

March 2-4
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April 13-15
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July 12-14
6th SUMMERFUN Convention.
ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER 9800 International Drive•Hall C, Orlando, FL. Contact: Cindy Wibker, PO Box 471147, Lake Monroe, FL 32747-1147. PH: 407-321-8747. PH: 407-321-8747; Fax: 407-321-5138
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Collecting and Investing in Morgan Dollars

By Michael S. Fey, Ph.D.

I recently returned from teaching a week-long seminar at the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, CO. It was titled "Collecting and Investing in Morgan Dollars: A Comprehensive Approach."

Isaac Wallie, Apmex's resident silver dollar expert was the co-instructor. As one of my former students, I was so impressed with this young man's knowledge and experience with silver dollars that I invited him to join me in teaching the class. Thank you Apmex for sharing Issac's talents with the class!

Although we only had a handful of students, it was simply an incredible way to spend a week learning about silver dollars, sharing information and coins, and talking to others about what we love so much.

We were honored one morning by guest speaker, Rick Sear, who shared his experiences on toned silver dollars. Rick offers a wealth of knowledge and experience.

We were also honored by one of the students in the class, Carl Schwenker, who shared a box of some of his collection of Morgan silver dollar Deep Mirror Proof-Likes (DMPLs). Carl currently has the #2 Registry Set at PCGS.

While I presented on such topics as collector vs. investor, supply & demand, the economy and collecting, types of collecting, grading services and Registry Programs, silver dollar populations, satiny vs PL and DMPL, GSA's, grading, pricing, buying sources, cherrypicking, Morgan dollar varieties, clashed dies, rotated dies, proofs, patterns, and errors, the main emphasis was on sharing resources of information. I brought boxes of Morgan dollar reference books for a hands-on view, and hundreds of coins that were passed around.

Michael Fey (left) and Ken Bressett

Perhaps the most important part of the class was the discussion, and interchange of questions and answers. We were all sharing knowledge with one another and all learning from our shared experiences.

The fun and our education about numismatics didn't end in the classroom. There was time spent during breakfast, lunch and dinner meeting, talking to and networking with other coin enthusiasts.

After all, how often does one get the opportunity to talk to a numismatic legend? There I stood with the great Ken Bressett (left), former ANA Governor, current editor of the Official Red Book "A Guide Book of United States Coins, published by Whitman Publishing, LLC., expert on the 1804 silver dollar, and all around great guy.

It wasn't just meeting with Ken Bressett that was great. It was talking to all the wonderful people at the ANA, all the instructors at summer seminar, and nearly all the attendees. All in all, it was an incredible week of fun, education and networking in coins, one that every collector should try to experience.

Knowledge is King!

Michael S. Fey, Ph.D.

Co-author, The Top 100 Morgan Dollar Varieties: The VAM Keys
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Bust Quarter Collectors Society
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Knoxville, TN 37923

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American Legion Post #7, 1760 Turner St., Clearwater, FL. Doors open at 6pm.
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Currency Club of Long Island
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Fort Lauderdale Coin Club - LM 726
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Fort Myers/Cape Coral Coin Club
Contact: PO Box 152953, Cape Coral, FL 33915-2953; contact person: Gary Lewis 239-699-7719, meeting place: 3601 Riverside Drive. Ft. Myers, FL 33901
7:00 PM - 3rd Thursday
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Fort Walton Beach Coin Club
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6:45 PM - 2ndThursday
email: pensacolacoin@att.net

Georgia Numismatic Association -LM 752
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Maryland State Numismatic Assoc.
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Metropolitan Coin Club of Atlanta
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website: www.mccatl.org

Missouri Numismatic Society
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National Collectors Association of Die Doubling (NCADD)
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National Silver Dollar Roundtable
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North Carolina Numismatic Assoc, Inc.
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North Lake Coin and Currency Club
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Palm Beach Coin Club
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Emerald Coast Coin Shop, 7141-A N.9th Ave. Pensacola.
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7:30 PM - 3rd Tuesday Monthly

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Society of Paper Money Collectors
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The Peace Lutheran Church, 1801 Port Malabar Blvd. NE, Palm Bay, FL. Pres. Bonnie Rague 321-837-0158.
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630 PM - 3rd Tuesday

Treasure Coast Coin Club, Inc
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7:00 PM - 2nd Wednesday

Venice Coin & Currency Club
Venice City Hall, 401 W. Venice Ave, Venice, FL - PH: 941-4223-1602 Neal Burnett.
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email: venicecoinclub@gmail.com

West Hernando Coin Club
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Heather Community Center off Hwy 19.
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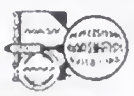

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Brandon Coin Club- had Randy Campbell give a presentation at their new meeting hall, Brandon Community Center, 502 East Sadie St., in Brandon.

Central Florida Coin Club- had club elections as follows; President- **Bob Russell**, VP- **BJ Neff**, Treasurer- **Donna Moon**, Recording Secretary- **Alan Gorewitz,** Corresponding Secretary- **David Strzalkowski**. Directors are; **Don Mix**, **Jeanie Neff**, **Tom Palmer, Skip Pfeiffer, Dan Aidif, Paul Bricker, Archie Cooper,** and **Steve Lauer**.

Ft. Lauderdale Coin Club- had a FUN DVD on "Insiders Analysis of Lincoln Cents" by Don Bonser. Bill Sanders is sending out emails every week on what is happening at South Florida Coin Clubs. He is giving show reports and what programs are coming to club meetings. Great job Bill!!!

Ft. Walton Beach Coin Club- officers for 2011 are; President – **Cindy Stuteville**, VP- **Dave Parenteau,** Secretary- **Randy Wright**, Treasure- **Bill Ottewill**. Their latest program was on the precious metals market by Dave Parenteau.

Gold Coast Coin Club-had FUN DVD's on "Overview of Standing Liberty Quarter" by Ray Herz and "Early American Coppers" by Chuck Heck.

Greater Jacksonville Coin Club- signed up 23 new members at their coin show. Does that tell you what a show can do for your club? Gil Acosta had a program on his association with an owner of a 1913 Liberty Head Nickel (McDermott).

North Lake Coin Club- celebrated its 3rd club anniversary with cake and coffee. Their new meeting place is St. Lutheran Church, 10495 SE Sunset Harbor Rd., Summerfield, Florida.

Palm Beach Coin Club- had former YN Francis Musella tell the club about his numismatic work with the Princeton University numismatic collection. Dan Pecoraro showed a video on his middle schools coin club activities. Thirteen Cub Scouts visited a club meeting.

St. Petersburg Coin Club- had a discussion on gold & silver prices and how most buying and selling is dealer to dealer at the coin show.

Sarasota Coin Club- had a program by Bart Bartanowicz on "The Five Coin Morgan Type Set".Ward Van Duzer gave a program on "Civil war Tokens". Ben Todd told what was hot and what was not.

South Brevard Coin Club- had a numismatic quiz, they discussed how coin prices are affected by gold & silver prices, and finally they had a show n tell.

Titusville Coin Club- had a "Pizza Night", CL Wyatt gave a program on "Commemorative Half Dollars 1982-2011. A poll reveled that most members preferred 1oz silver prizes.

Treasure Coast Coin Club- had a program on "Buying Coins on Ebay" and "How to List and Sell Coins on Ebay" by Bob Whalen. Ron Rego had a program on "Paper Money"

West Hernando Coin Club- had a program on "Euro's" by Bernard Bathauer. The club newsletter showed the "Five Worst Coin Investments" including newspaper and TV ads.

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Thank you FUN for the ANA table at SummerFUN 2011.

Dear Editor:

The Florida United Numismatists (FUN www.funtopics.com) held their 5th Annual Summer FUN Convention at the Orange County Convention, Orlando, FL on July 7-9, 2011. This was a well-run convention that had a large bourse, an auction by Heritage Auction Gallery (www.HA.com), educational exhibits, programs and a YN program, hobo nickel carvers, coin club meetings & tables, grading services, an informative Summer FUN program, a scout clinic, an Abe Lincoln impersonator, excellent security and a steady flow of visitors.

We want to thank the FUN Board along with its President Tony Swicer, and Convention Coordinator Cindy Wibker for providing a table for the American Numismatic Association (ANA www.money.org). It was a very successful convention and we were able to sign up over 25 new members. We also received a $25 donation from Dealer Jay H. Cline, Palm Harbor, FL for the shipment of the show kit. Thanks again for the table and we look forward to next year's Summer FUN convention. **Mark Lighterman, John and Nancy Wilson**, ANA National Volunteers

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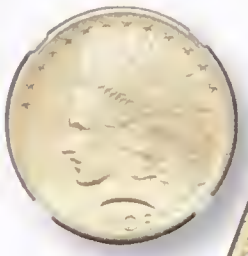

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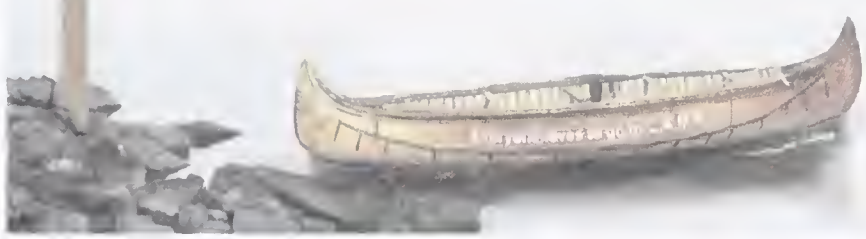

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Thank you...
for doing what you did,
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Thank you...
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I am honored;
It meant a lot to me.
Thank you.
By Joanna Fuchs

I truly could not have covered each of my areas at this convention without all of you

Thank You,
Donna

Public Registration Chairman's Report

Public Registration for Summer FUN 2011 went very smoothly. FUN was held in the same hall of the Orange County Convention Center as last year, and the familiarity helped everyone find their way to the show. A free shuttle bus provided by FUN took attendees to and from the parking lot. Since the OCCC is a very large facility, this saved a lot of walking!

The Central Florida Coin Club provided volunteers to work public registration for the show. A total of 18 individuals came for at least one shift, and some worked multiple shifts. We registered just under 3,000 public attendees during the three days of the show without a single problem. The only times that lines reached three deep were when the charter busses full of coin club members arrived. FUN gives financial assistance to clubs in order to attend FUN shows – if your club isn't taking advantage of this great benefit, contact a member of the FUN board.

I want to thank all the club volunteers who came to help. I especially want to thank those who volunteered for more than one shift or more than one day.

The workers for Public Registration were:

Bob Dombo	Bob Wollnick	Bob Cole
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Again, I want to thank everyone who helped. The FUN show couldn't have been the success it was without you!

Tom Palmer
Public Registration Chairman

BUYER BEWARE

(Collectors please read this)
By Tony Swicer

Over the years I have heard stories of collectors who have purchased coins from dealers and then for whatever reason, they want to return them. In most cases the dealer will not take back the coins. Is this right or wrong, or beyond that, what is the law. Well, there is no law. If you buy a coin today and bring it back within a few days, most dealers would take it back. Many will say, "You bought it, you own it". Most advertisers and the ANA suggest a two week return policy, providing you have not removed the coin from its original package or have not changed the surface of the coin. Remember that coin dealers are not Wal-Mart or Home Depot where they take back almost anything. Ask the dealer if he has a return policy. If not, you had better know what you are buying.

When you go to a coin show and agree on a coin, agree on the grade, and agree on a price, and purchase the coin, you have entered into a legal contract. What ever happens after that in regards to the coin's grade or price is totally irrelevant. Ten dealers can tell you that you paid too much. You can send the coin to a grading service and it comes back a lower grade or it does not grade for whatever reason. All this is totally irrelevant. You bought it, you own it. The only exception to this is if the coin is counterfeit. Then you can get your money back. Always get a receipt.

There are many dealers out there that sell properly graded coins and there are many dealers that don't sell properly graded coins. The bottom line is, that you either learn to grade coins or buy them already certified. As far as the price of the coin, if you do not know what the coin is worth, DON'T BUY IT. You cannot assume that the dealer is selling at a fair price, he may not be. You must know what the grade of the coin is and what it is worth or DON'T BUY IT.

The ANA Grading Guide is helpful in grading, joining your local coin club, going to coin shows and studying lots of coins all help hone your grading skills. Sending coins to a grading service and studying the grades will help your skills. The best pricing guide is the Coin Dealer Newsletter that all coin dealers use. If your cost of purchasing a coin is near these prices, then you are generally buying at a fair price. You can ask for old copies of the CDN from your local dealer or you can subscribe to the newsletter.

In conclusion, buying coins and building a nice collection is fun and can be rewarding, but you must know what you are doing. You must know the grade of the coin that you are buying and you must know if it is priced fairly. If you don't know these two things, DON'T BUY THE COIN. Most of the time you cannot return a coin. There is no law that says dealers have to take back coins, it is up to the individual dealer.

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It's summer time and Summer F.U.N. was awsome. YN's, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts showed up for a fantastic day of fun learning, games and prizes on Saturday July 9, 2011 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida.

Our program started out with a presentation by President Abraham Lincoln impersonator Dennis Boggs. Mr Lincoln gave a wonderfult and colorful story of the events in his life, from the time he was a young boy in Kentucky to his assassination in Washington D.C. Those YN's present and their parents heard a message from our 16th President's talk focused on diversity, tolerence of others, education for all. His message was simple and easy to understand by all who attended. His final advise for all was to stay in school and strive to become all that you have the potential to become.

This year we played YN TRIVIA with the boys against the girls. The team that could answer the questions right, won the opportunity to try and match pictures of coins hidden behind 25 numbers they could choose from. Although the boy's team got more questions right and claimed more coins, the girls team was able to match up numbers that held the larger domination coins, and beat the boys by matching $6.20 to their $2.40. Each girl on the team won a One Dollar Silver Certificate. Each boy received an MS encapsuled state quarter.

Through the contributions of the U.S Mint, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and the many dealers who support our YN program, every participant was able to go home with great prizes from our games and raffle. We would like to acknowledge the contributions of the following dealers who helped make our program the great event it has become:

B.J. NEFF – CONECA / **TOM CULHANE** – Rarecoin.com / **GARY BRAISTED** – ELC Sales and Services / **JOEL REZNICK** – Frog Pond Collectables / **EMORY ROBINSON** – Edgewood Coins / **JOHN and NANCY WILSON** – Ocala, FL. / **GERALD ARCHIBLAD** – Tampa Coins / **PAUL CUNNINGHAM** – Cunningham Exonumia / **CHARLOTTE COIN CONSURTIUM** / **BREVARD CARDS AND COINS.**

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Kira Sass – Jacksonville, FL	A.M. Brown – Neptune Beach, FL	Emily Enoch – Winderemire, FL

Winners of the last FUN TOPICS YN TRIVIA contest learned that: *The youngest person to have their face on the obverse of an American circulation coin was Jean Baptiste Charbonneau. Only a few months old, he is the son of Sacagawea. Indian guide for the Lewis and Clark expedition.*

Each winner will receive a Ben Franklin half dollar to add to their collection.

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YN's Have FUN

Young Numismatists

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Did you come to Summer FUN? Check out our FUNTOPICS.com site to see if you are in any of the pictures for our Summer FUN Gallery. You can also go to an addition site to learn more about F.U.N. by going to http://fun-forums.livejournal.com. Please make sure your parents give you permission before you go on line to check any websites. It's the right thing to do.

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LIBERTY

By BJ Neff, NLG

Victoria, Roma, Securitas, Ceres, Annona, Virtus, Concordia, Felicitas, Aequitas, Minerva, Fortuna, Spes, Pax, Dacia, Providentia, Hispania, Britannia, Africa, Cappadocia, Corcordia, Justitia, Venus, Diana, Libertas. For those not familiar with these names, they are Roman goddesses that have found themselves engraved on the reverse of many an ancient Roman coin. Out of the list above, there is one goddess that has transcended the ages to be remembered even in today's world for she is a common sight to coin collectors. That one personage who has graced just about every denominational coin that the United States has minted and is still found on the coins from this country and many others is none other than the goddess called Liberty!

Who is this Roman goddess and how is she remembered from the ancient world into this modern era? Her story began in 238 B. C., a time before the second Punic War, when Liberty was elevated to the status of goddess. Tiberius Gracchus order that a temple be built on Aventine Hill (the southern most of the seven hills of Roma) to honor the goddess Libertas. In the years 58 to 57 B.C. another temple to Libertas was constructed on Palatine Hill (the centermost hill of Roma) by order of Publius Clodius Pulcher. However, this temple was destroyed by Cicero after his return from exile for it occupied land that was inherently his. In 46 B.C. the Roman senate voted to erect a shrine to Libertas to honor Julius Caesar, but it was never constructed and instead a statue was placed in the Romanum Forum. From that beginning, she became the most recognized feature in the world found on coins.

But why is Liberty so well remembered? Mostly all the gods and goddesses had certain items accompanying their portraits which were used as identifiers to who they were. Libertas was no exception and had two such items, the cap (pileus) and the rod (vindicta or festuca), both of which are connected to a Roman slave being freed. The newly freed slave, who had their head shaved of hair, was given the cap or pileus to wear. This cap symbolized that person's newly acquired status. The rod was used by the lictor of the magistratus in the ceremony "vindicavit in libertatem" to actually free the slave from their previous owner. Either one or both of these items, especially the pileus were seen in the depictions of Libertas in her classical Roman, flowing, white robe. However, there were exceptions and one was a Denarius (42 BC) issued by Cassius Longinus and Lentulus Spinther, depicted the crowned head of Libertas, with a sacrificial jug and lituus (wand)[1] on the reverse (see picture 1). Most of the Roman coins in the early part of Anno Domini (up until 324 when Constantine became the first Christine Emperor of Roman) did depict Libertas with both cap and rod (see pictures 2 and 3).

Picture 1

Picture 2

Picture 3

[1] This early depicted item may have later changed to the rod

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There then came a time when the Roman gods and goddesses of old began to disappear from the coins of Rome. With the crowning of Constantine, the Roman Empire began the change of paganism to Christianity and the only goddess still to adorn the reverse of Roman coins was Victoria (see picture 4). However, even that changed and the once popular deities of old were forgotten except in name only. Their names are every lasting in English words; victory from Victoria, justice from Justitia, security from Securitas, virtue from Virtus, concord from Concordia, equality from Aequitas, fortune from Fortuna, even Britain was named after the goddess Britannia. So, how did a once forgotten Roman goddess named Libertas (Liberty) become such an endearing emblem for the United States? It was because of what she symbolized; Freedom!

Picture 4

Picture 5

With the discovery of the Americas, a whole new exciting world was opened for those brave enough to explore this vast new land. The first characterization of America was the Indian queen, a proud woman atop a giant armadillo, with battle axe, bow and arrow and very little of anything else (see picture 5). This conveyed to those brave hearts willing to explore, a world of exoticism and savagery, with the possibilities of wealth to those who dared take that chance to tame this new land. However, this characterization of America soon converted to the gentler Indian Princess, a fair maiden who was barefoot and modestly dressed. This modification was to entice settlers to this now semi- tamed land and this characterization lasted up until and beyond the War for Independence (1775-1783).

One of the contributing factors for the use of the goddess Liberty on United States coins stemmed from the use of the goddess Britannia on English coins. Even before Liberty found her way onto the United States coinage, she had been depicted, along with several other old Roman goddesses, on tokens that were used in the Colonies. The 1776 halfpenny, engraved by Col. Paul Revere (Massachusetts unofficial coppers) had the goddess Liberty prominently displayed on the reverse of that coin (see picture 6). So did the Georgius Triumpho token of 1783 (see picture 7). With the wide spread usage of British coinage in the Colonies depicting Britannia, it is not a far stretch to see the founders of our nation employing Liberty as the symbol of freedom to be used on our coins. Another personification of Liberty also started appearing on coins and tokens of the Colonies and she was Columbia[3] (see picture 8 & 9). Notice that she is depicted wearing the pileus or cap of freedom.

Picture 6

Picture 7

Picture 8

Picture 9

[2] Victoria or Victory may have been an excepted imagine in the Christian Rome since she did resemble an angel

[3] Columbia first came into being in 1738 in Edward Cave's "The Gentlemen's Magazine"

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The first official coin of the United States of America, a half disme, was minted in 1792 and bore the semblance of Liberty[4] facing to the left on the obverse with and the eagle carrying arrows in its claws on the reverse[5] (see picture 10). In the basement of a private facility owned by John Harper, a total of 1500 pieces of this half disme designed by Robert Birch were struck using United States mint personnel. These coins were received by Thomas Jefferson on July 13th of that year. Later on in that year, the silver center cent, the Birch cent and the disme all followed with Liberty on the obverse of the coin. It is to be noted that Liberty did not have the two items that identified her on these early coins. However, Liberty was depicted with the pileus on the half cent of 1793 and the pileus and rod on the 1795 half cent.

Picture10

From that last decade of the 18th century, Liberty became a feature on just about every coin that the United States minted, with the exception of the two cent piece. Designers such as Voigt, Scot, Reich, Longacre, Barber, Kneass, Gobrecht, Weinman, MacNeil, Morgan, Francisci and Saint-Gaudens went about depicting Liberty in different poses and styles. Some of those designs were mis-construed with lasting results. Longacre's Indian head cent is actually Liberty wearing an Indian head dress and Weiman's "Mercury"[6] dime is actually "A Winged Liberty Head" dime. Then there were some cultural mistakes made by the designer's themselves. Since Liberty was a female personification, she would never have been allowed by any Indian tribe to wear an Indian war bonnet or Indian chief's head dress such as Longacre and Saint-Gaudens depicted her wearing. One would guess that this was artistic expression and that is why these designs were approved and placed on coins. For over one hundred and fifty years her reign of being on United States coins lasted, until it came to a close with Liberty being replaced in 1946 with Roosevelt on the dime and then in 1948 with Franklin being placed on the half dollar coin.

After a hiatus of forty years, Liberty once again found herself on United States minted coins; in 1986, when she graced the Statue of Liberty Commemorative coins and Weiman's Walking Liberty on the silver one dollar bullion coin. So, Liberty once again regained her former glory and now graces the United States bullion coin series, from the silver dollar coin, with gold coins using Saint-Gaudens Liberty, up to and including the one hundred dollar platinum coin. She was also found on the New York State quarter minted in 2001, the first and only time that Liberty was depicted on the reverse of a United States business strike coin

Liberty's popularity was not confined to the Roman Empire and the United States for we were not the only countries to use Liberty as a symbol on our coinage. When Frederic Bartholdi designed the statue of Liberty, that personification of Liberty was seen on coins in use in French Indo-china (see picture 11). So too did the Swiss freely use Libertas (Liberty) on both Rappen and Franc denominational coins. The countries of South America (Argentina, Brazil and Peru) also adopted Libertad (Liberty) as a much used symbol of freedom on their coins as well (see pictures 12, 13 and 14 on page 44).

4 Some thought that this was the portrait of Martha Washington
5 The arrows represent the original thirteen states
6 Mercury is masculine gender, while Liberty is female gender

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Picture11

This made for the best family bonding vacation!

Hasn't felt this good since my favorite Aunt Rotzi told me, "Okay you can have anything you want!", and you're in the middle of the toy department at Macy's in Manhattan, New York, during Christmas holiday.

This time, I'm waking up, looking at Pikes Peak as the sun just makes it over the summit - Colorado Springs - Colorado College - ANA School - Money Museum - All the coin junkies your mother warned you about since you've been a little boy. - Make sure you're not dead. - Pinch yourself twice, once hard to make sure you're alive. - You must be in heaven. - You must be in coin heaven where all the old numies go. - I didn't have to blow myself up to get here like in Jihad. I know this because I don't have 72 pubescent girls throwing themselves at me. That's okay, I wouldn't know how to handle it anyway.

I'd like to thank FUN for giving me a chance to scratch another item off of my Bucket List. I tried to be the best ambassador I could be, extolling the merit and virtue of the Biggest and Best Coin Collecting Club in the nation. I tried to be as diplomatic as Franklin, and beer drinking and scotch quaffing etiquette was observed.

Every night after class we would retire to the "Luna Lounge" for further scholarly endeavors, sometimes referred to as Bull Sessions. I strongly protest the reference of these scholarly discourses as B.S. If another term be needed, I prefer tall tales - we are all gentlemen!

The days would start early, and they would go fast because we were learning and the subject matter had our attention. Intermediate Coin Grading was easily one of the most popular classes. It filled up quickly, and had a waiting list. (Sounds familiar, like the waiting list for a table at one of our monthly coin shows.)

We had three instructors for 24 students. The first two days they assessed our knowledge, and broke us down to three tables of eight, with rotating instructors for the remainder of the classes.

It amazes me to see where I started, and how far you can go with expert and intense instruction. We would look at coins for a maximum of 15 seconds and then give them a grade. The instructor from N.G.C. John Schuch, estimated he had graded over two million coins in the last 6 years working with N.G.C.-but that's not what impressed me about John. What impressed me was how much he loved what he was doing and sharing it with other Numies-Paying it forward-that's what the Summer Seminar is all about-Some of the smartest guys in the coin biz, sharing their knowledge.

It feels like I've had a coin hangover or I'm in a coin coma,this is what its like getting your Red Book signed by Ken Bressett, or asking Rick Snow any question you want about Indian Head Pennies.

After the ANA school ended I took my family on a 50 mile camping rafting trip on the Arkansas River. This made for the best family bonding vacaction we ever been on. Besides the the water rafting we saw the Manitou Indian Cliff Dwellings, these are some of the earliest American Indians to roam North America circa 1200 B.C.

If you are considering applying for the FUN scholarship-I counsel you in the strongest terms to just "Do It". This is an experience that can be a life changer. Speak to as many people as you can find. Find out what summer camp for adults is all about and why some people make this their summer vacation destination for the last ten years.

All I can say is that this has been one of my best summers ever and can't thank the members of the Palm Beach Coin Club and the officers of FUN for making this opportunity available to me.

Thank You
Richard Spencer

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If you would like to add your voice to help assure the future of the 10 1933 $20 St. Gaudens coins, here are the names and addresses of those to whom we wrote. Feel free to contact your own Members of Congress as well. Let's hold them all accountable!

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While we do believe that the United States government currently does appreciate the significance of these coins, public comments such as those cited above do not inspire the confidence of the numismatic community that there is a plan in place for the conservation of these coins. Remember – coin collectors are the only ones who seriously care what happens to these coins, and it is our responsibility to hold government officials publicly accountable. We can't take a chance of another "oops" at the Mint!

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LIBERTY

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Picture12

Picture13

Picture14

From the heavens, our vocabulary, even the days of the week (Tuesday for the god Mars, Saturday for the god Saturn) we are in consistent reminder of the gods and goddesses of old. However, there is only one of these old deities that surpass all the rest in recognition. It is what she symbolizes throughout the world. It is the hope of every man, women and child that it shall come to past for all. That optimistic concept is freedom, not only for a chosen few, but for all on earth. The goddess Liberty, in all her forms and personifications, is the symbol for that endearing inspiration. In our great country this concept is the driving force, the reason why our members of the armed forces are doing battle against those opposed to this principal, freedom for all and not just the chosen few. It is the main reason our forefathers made her such a prominent national symbols. So, as you go through your collections looking at this goddess of old, remember the message that she has brought up with her since conception, Liberty!

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2011 Winner - Richard Spencer

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   c) Writing articles for local, regional, or national numismatic publications.
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4) Agreeing to submit an article to FUN Topics upon return from the Annual ANA Summer Seminar on the subject matter of your class.
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General Guidelines:

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The Best-of-Show Exhibit winner will be presented the Louis Montesi Award along with a scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar at the Annual Florida United Numismatist coin convention every year. The following requirements will apply.

2011 Winner - Mack Martin

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6. The award must be used the year it is awarded.
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The Ultimate "Racketeer Nickel"

By Bill Favaz

Most of us know the story of the 1883 No Cents "Racketeer Nickel", the first year of issue of the Liberty Nickel, minted from 1883 through 1912..

Because the first issue of this date was issued with "E PLURIBUS UNUM" on the lower reverse and no indication fo the (Five Cents) value, it left the door wide open for con men, cheats and just plain crooks to take advantage fo the situation and make a few bucks.

The new Liberty Nickel obverse design looked a great deal like that of the then circulating $5.00 Liberty Gold coin, enough so that many of the nickels were gold plated and passed as the higher denomination coin. Aftr all, it DID have the large "V" in the center of the reverse to indicate "FIVE (Dollars), right? Later in the inaugural year the Mint redesigned the reverse to put FIVE CENTS at the bottom and relocated E PLURIBUS UNUM over the "V".

One fanciful story (entirely documaneted) that emanated out of this scam was the one of a mute by the name of Josh Tatum. Legend has it that it was a common practice for Josh to go into a store, usually a cigar store, plop the gold-plated nickel down on the counter, and point to a cigar. The proprietor would give Josh the cigar and change for a $5.00 coin.

As the story goes, when the hoodwinked store owner tried to prosecute poor 'ol Josh, the charge would never stick, because as a mute, Josh never asked for change for the $5.00. He simply picked up his cigar and the $4.95, nodded to the owner and left.

Many feel that the **true** gold-plated Racketeere Nickel used back in th early 1880's had to have a reeded edge, as did the $5.00 Gold piece. Most of these original pieces are now quite worn, with only remnants of the plating remaining.

The coin illustrated with this article is what I refer to as the "Ultimate" Racketeer Nickel.

It is an 1886-dated specimen, the second rarest coin in the series in low grades, and it has been reeded all the way around the edge save for a very small unreeded portion at about 11 o'clock. My conjuecture is that a **non-1883** No Cents nickel was used because everyone was tuned into the 1883-dated coins for the scam. The perpetrator just happened to use a rare coin for his handiwork on this piece.

Even more interesting is the fact that he went a step further and engraved the word "FIVE" where CENTS has previously been. This guy **really** went to a lot of trouble to fool folks!

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Looking At Collectible Silver When The Price Of Bullion Is High: Early US Silver Coinage

By Mark Benvenuto

In 1829, the west coast of what is now the United States was as exotic a place to most east coast residents as Antarctica. The "Northwest Territory" included what would become the states of Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. Native Americans of quite a few nations were still living as their ancestors had for millennia. And the United States Mint pounded out 1.23 million half dimes.

Today, with the prices for silver and gold reaching amazing highs – prices that haven't been seen for decades – plenty of collectors feel it's time to step back from purchasing any silver or gold. But amidst all the mayhem are some beautiful coins that haven't been jolted by the commodities prices of the past few years, or that have at least have not been affected too much. If we look at some of the early silver of the US Mint, we just might be surprised at what is still available.

Now, in defining "affordable, early United States silver," let's be specific as to what it is not. It is emphatically not the first issues of the young Mint. Anything that the US Mint put out with a date starting with 17 is going to cost. No, we are looking at what generally gets called the Liberty Cap design. This gives us a compact group of denominations from which to build a type set. As we'll also see, it gives us some latitude as to what dates we want to add to any growing set.

So, back to the half dime. It is the smallest United States silver coin that was authorized in the original Mint Act, although the silver 3-cent pieces that came later would be smaller. There were less than 100K of them minted in 1794 and 1795, and the mintage totals for these little guys never really took off from there. In 1806 they began a decades-long nap, awakening only in 1829.

From 1829 through 1837, there were at least a million half dimes issued annually, less one of those years (and even that year, 1832, came close). Indeed, the 1835 total was 2.7 million of these little beauties. All those big numbers add up to some rather available coins, including some relatively small number price tags, even today.

What you choose to pay for any Liberty Cap half dime you gather into your personal collection is up to you, but this is still a series in which $100 will make some good inroads. That proverbial C-note will land you one of these small pieces in VF-20 or very fine shape, as a general rule. That's certainly not mint state, but it is a grade with some good detail left on it.

If 1829 was a first year for half dimes, it was the two decade mark for its next bigger sibling, the dime. Like the half dime, dimes had been minted pretty much right from the get-go, in 1796. But, as with all the early United States coins, they are rare enough today that they are hardly affordable to the collector of average means.

The dimes that bear the Liberty Cap design though, well, they first appeared in 1809, and came out in fits and starts all through the 1820's. By 1828 their diameter had been reduced slightly, but their mintages were at least well into the hundreds of thousands. By the late 1830's, when the design was changed to the Seated Liberty image, there were at least a million dimes coming out each year.

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If the mintages are roughly the same for these early dimes as for the half dimes, it's probably no huge surprise that the price tags are as well. What is perhaps surprising is that the prices for so many of these early dimes are roughly the same, regardless of the totals for their mintages. This most likely reflects the fact that they are true collector coins, and that most folks purchase one as part of a type set, instead of each of the coins as a date run. But whatever the case, the $100 we mentioned as the buy in for a decent half dime will fit the bill here as well. The 1835 is the most common of these early dimes, which means it should be the easiest to find. Try to find an 1830 though, if you can. Its mintage is lower than many of the other dates, yet its prices don't appear to be any higher.

The next rung up the ladder when it comes to the Liberty Cap design is the quarter. As with the previous two denominations, the quarter had a tough time when it comes to production of large mintages. At the time the Liberty Cap design was first produced on the twenty five cent pieces, in 1815, the denomination had been made for only five years of the previous two decades in which it had been authorized. Apparently, the quarter was a long way from being the work horse coin it is today. It wasn't until 1835 that there was a mintage figure that went over the one million mark. Actually, that 1.95 million in 1835 was something of a stand-alone year, as there wouldn't be another that saw over a million quarters until well into the reign of the Seated Liberty design.

Once again, the prices of Liberty Cap quarters show a pattern that mirrors those of their smaller siblings. The $100 we mentioned earlier will only net a person an F-12 or fine specimen here, but it seems to do so for an 1835, or for an 1832 or an 1837, which saw only 320,000 coins or 252,400 respectively. It appears that the hunt for a good Liberty Cap quarter might just yield an attractive piece at a pretty attractive price.

The biggest of the Liberty Cap coins has to be the half dollar, as there were no silver dollars issued from 1803 all the way until 1840. We might have saved the best for last here, as there are plenty of coins and dates from which to choose, spanning the years 1807 all the way into the 1830's. In the early years of the Mint, silver metal was often provided by an individual for coins as they wished it. One can imagine that most depositors wanted their coins in the largest silver denominations they could get – or at least, one imagines it based on the official Mint tallies. The first year to top the one million mark is 1808. The first two million plus mark was crossed in 1819. It was 1824 that saw 3.5 million produced. Then 1826 and 1827 topped 4 million and 5 million, respectively. To what end does all this lead us? To the end that getting one for a collection today is not as hard as a person might think. Believe it or not, that $100 we have already mentioned will again land you a Liberty Cap half dollar in VF-20. Not bad at all.

The next time the price of silver metal crosses what appears to be another impossibly high upper limit, just relax. Remember, there is still some great early US silver available for the wise, frugal collector.

The End

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4. Go east on SR 528 to exit 1 (International Drive)
5. Go north (right) approximately one mile to Convention Center
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From Tampa, Florida (SOUTHWEST) 1 Hour •• 15 Minutes
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CUSTOMER OF THE WEEK / PHONE CALL OF THE WEEK - Part 16

By Tony Swicer -- Numismatic Ambassador 2009

ANA Glenn Smedley Award Winner 2007 ••• 2007 NLG Award Winner for Best Column, "Customer of the Week"

(continued from Spring Topics 2011)

257. A customer comes in with a gold plated bouquet of roses, wrapped in clear cellophane. He asks, "Are these gold?" I said, " no, if they were gold they would be too heavy to carry".

258. A customer says; "I have been burying coins in the back yard to see how they tone, and they are disappearing . I put them in the flower pot and they disappear from there too. Is there some kind of animal that steals coins? Yes, Humans!!!

259. A lady comes in and gets a price on a ring. She says, "The other store offered me more money, you mean different stores pay different prices? I will have to shop it around? DUH. Wake up.

260. A phone call, "We drove by and it did not look like you were open, are you open?, "Yes", "How do we get in?", "Open the door."

261. "What are you paying for Peace dollars?" "$25 each", Reply, "You don't buy Peace dollars by the pound?".

262. A lady calls with a 1849 silver dollar. "What is it worth?". We tell her about $200. She brings it in, never mentioning the big hole in it at the top.

263. A customer brought in a boxed set of Olympic medals from the 2008 Bejjing Olympics in a red presentation box. All were marked 1oz. .999 silver. All were ½ oz. silver plated on base metal.

264. A phone call, "I have an 1836 Gobrecht dollar that I have researched online. My coin looks exactly like the one online except that on the back it says copy, what does that mean?" I said, "Reproduction, fake, not real".

265. A phone call. "I was robbed, did someone come in with a box of wheaties in the last year?" "Yes, we have had about 100 customers bring us boxes of wheaties, which one do you want?"

266. A collector sent in several silver eagles for grading and he received the worst grades I have ever seen, MS-64 to MS-66. Every one else gets MS-69 or MS-70.

267. A customer calls and tells us he has silver eagles for sale, what are we paying? We say, $35 each. He comes in with British Virgin Island $25 sea shell coins. We told him these are not silver eagles. He says, "Yes, but they are made in the US, Franklin Mint".

268. Another guy does the same thing, He tells us he has silver eagles and then he comes in with Canadian wolves.

269. A panel van pulls up in front of the store. I think it is a customer. He has a door open on the back. He pulls out some duct tape and tapes the door shut, then drives off.

270. How many times have you heard this one. A lady calls and says she has an 1832 silver dollar. I said, "I'm sorry but they did not make that date". "Well I have one and it has been in my family for 50 years". I asked her to bring it in. She did, it was an 1882 common Morgan Dollar, she could not see.

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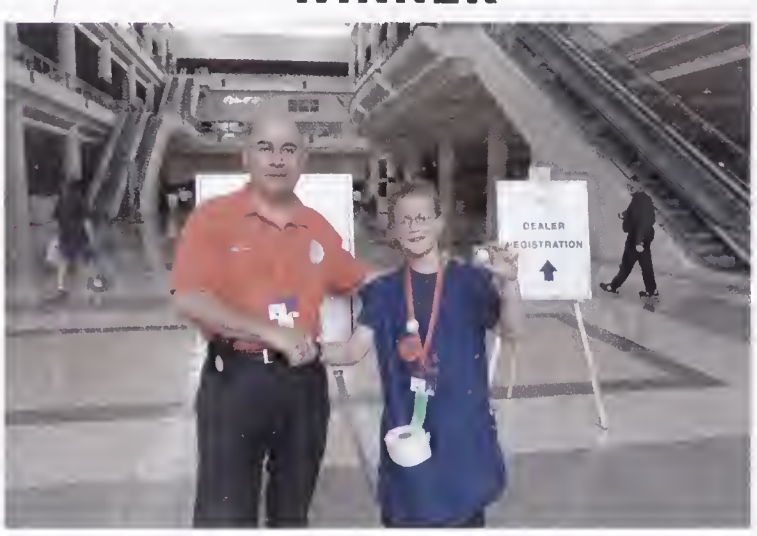

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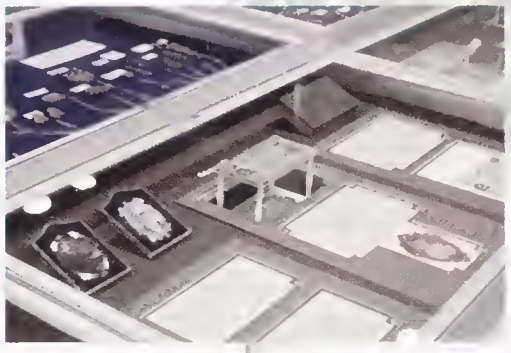
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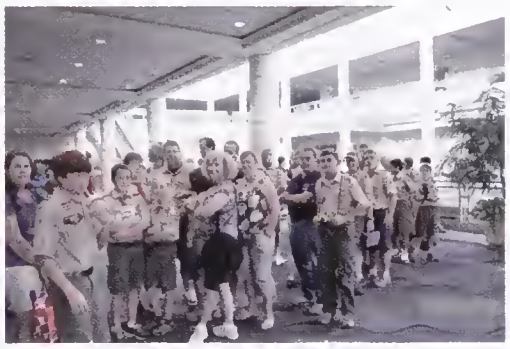
Lining up for the Scout Program

Abby, Abe and Riley

A.N.A. Table · Nancy Wilson

Dad helping Dylan and Megan

The Kendall Family

The making of a Hobo Nickel

YN's hard at work?

Scout Program

"ABE" with two new friends

Tony Bonaro in the storage box?

Wizard Supply Company

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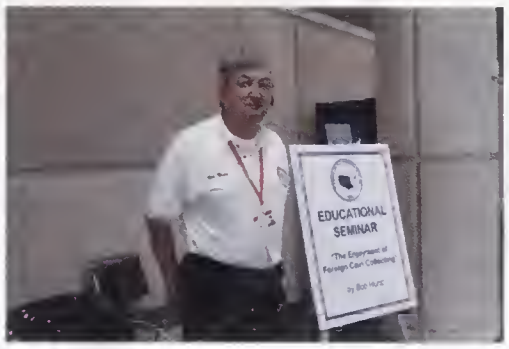

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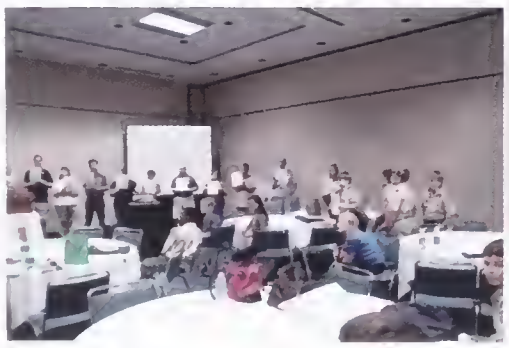
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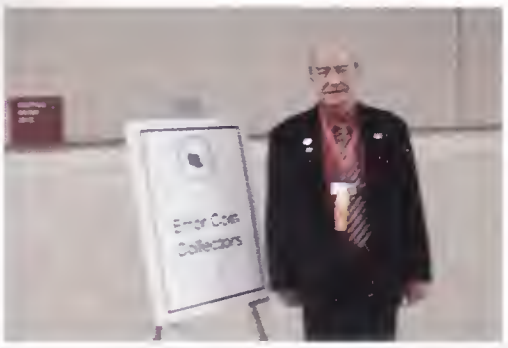

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There is a separate line at the dealer registration counters with a header that reads "early bird badges." That line is open during all dealer registration hours. You may purchase your badge at the dealer registration counters any time before the F.U.N. show begins, and you may enter the bourse floor area at 2:00 PM on Wednesday during dealer set-up, and also at 8:30 AM each day rather than 10:00 AM when the public is allowed to enter. Also, your early bird badge will give you access to F.U.N.'s security room. **It will open at noon on Monday, January 2nd and remain open 24 hours a day until noon on Monday, January 9th. This badge will not allow you behind any dealer's table.**

Your other option is to prepay for your early bird badge. If your badge is prepaid, you may pick it up in the "express lane" to the side of the early bird counter, without waiting behind those who need to pay. Pre-payment will save you time in the line! If you want to prepay your early bird badge, please send your check for $100.00 if your dues have already been paid for the calendar year of the show, or $115.00 if you owe dues. You may include the badge fee and your dues in one check. Your check must arrive two weeks before the show begins so it can be processed before the F.U.N. convention coordinator departs for the convention.

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In Loving Memory of

Clayton O. Grant

FUN Life Member #583 Clay O. Grant passed on May 8, 2011. Clay served in the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII. Before his retirement he was a Captain for United Airlines for 35 years. He was a longtime member of the Treasure Coast Coin Club and was also an ANA Certified Exhibit Judge. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ann Grant and three daughters and six grandchildren.

Summer Seminar 2011, Session One

By Peyton Souder.
(Young Numismatist Scholarship Winner)

Summer Seminar was an eye opening experience. It was a fun filled week where I got a chance to meet new people, learn more about the hobby of coins, and learned how to grade coins.

Before I left for Colorado Springs, I was relying mostly on my Dad for the buying, selling and grading.

Now that I had the chance to learn so much more in Colorado Springs, I'm grading, buying, selling, and cherry picking all by myself.

During the week I met other YN's that taught me their perspective on grading, what they collect, and the way they look at the fine world of coins.

I took the Introduction to Grading U.S Coins and during the course we learned basics of grading and the dynamics of grading as well. I highly recommend the course because after taking it, I have been more confident then ever.

My Teachers for the course were Don Bonser, who was a former ANAC's grader, Jim Stoutjesdyk who works for the Auction Company Heritage and Matt Kleinsteuber who is apart of the Numismatic Financial Corporation.

And they were the most helpful guys to teach a class, that has so much that needs to be taught and they taught it in five days. They taught everything that a new collector / new coin grader needs to know in order to be successful, in five days.

And lastly, I would like to say Thank you to the Greater Jacksonville Coin Club for sponsoring me to go out to Colorado Springs and widen my Education in the Coin Collecting Hobby, and giving me $150 dollars to spend in Colorado. I would also like to Thank the Florida United Numismatists for also paying for my trip. Thanks once again.

Peyton

SUDOKU (ANSWER)

BY HAROLD DON ALLEN
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The "Key" to a
Classic Counterfeit

Don Allen (FUN LM780) delights in crafting the literal (letters not digits) Sudoku challenges that have been running in FUN-Topics for several years. Don's most recent challenge, as "solved" above, has the unexpected keying, "WORTH FACE," and the post-1917 note, thrice stamped and twice punched "counterfeit" and "VOID" is an unlikely item to command its $100 face value.

A much handled book on Don's "world numismatics' shelf is Murray Teigh Bloom, Money of their Own, "an account of the world's greatest counterfeiters" (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1957). In this highly readable work, one chapter, "Bernie and Solly: The Inside Story of Nazi Germany's Counterfeiting," tells of "Operation Bernhard" and the counterfeiting of $600,000,000 worth of Bank of England notes during World War II.

The Imperial Bank of Canada $100 of 1917 (which dates it to the close of World War I) may well have been in some sense, a forerunner of those staggering runs of World War II Bank of England pounds. The "clearing" notation strongly suggests an overseas origin. Don says he has seen such fakes offered on a "coin" bourse at $95 or $100, though he hasn't witnessed a sale. "Worth face," accordingly, may be no exaggeration, although any thoughts of "redemption" would be quite another matter.

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